and are implementing them, in two States viz. Bihar and Sikkim, adoption of UGC scales is under consideration of the concerned State Government. Government or UGC do not have any other information regarding colleges where UGC scales have not been granted.

Breast milk substitutes

1699. **DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's stand about the WHO|UNICEF Code against advertising breast milk substitutes; and

(b) what steps have been taken against the recent press publicity promoting Amul Milk Spray Infant Food as a substitute to breast milk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Government of India adopted the Indian National Code for Protection and Promotion of Breast-Feeding on 19-12-1983 which is based on the WHO/UNICEF Code. According to Article 5.1 of the Indian National Code for Protection and Promotion of Breast-Feeding, there shall be no advertising of breast milk substitutes. In order to give effect to the principles of the Code through legislation, the Infant Milk Foods and Feeding Bottles (Regulation of Protection, Supply and Distribution) Bill 1986 was introduced and passed by the Rajya Sabha. The Bill could not however come up for consideration in the Lok Sabha. On the dissolution of the VIIIth Lok Sabha, the above Bill stands lapsed. In the absence of legislation, no steps could be taken against press publicity of Amul Milk Spray Infant Food as a breast milk substitute.

Special education for girls

1700. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government propose to introduce any scheme to give special education for girls child to help them to attain equality, individuality and dignity when they become major and to eradicate the discrimination against them in the growing society.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): Keeping in view the policy that education should serve the cause of women's equality the national Council of Educatiinal Research and Training (NCERT) has initiated and implemented various programmes such as evaluation of textbooks and supplementary readers prescribed at different stages of school education with a view to eliminating sexist bias therein.

Other measures for promoting the education of girls include recruitment of more women teachers for primary schools; incentive schemes like distribution of free textbooks and free uniforms and attendance scholarships; provisions of Central assistance to the tune of 90 per cent for running non-formal education centres for girls in 10 States and Union Territories where the enrolment ratio of children at the elementary stage is much below the national average.

Education upto Class VIII is free for girls in all government, local body and aided schools in the country and upto Class X in most of the States/Union Territories. The Central Government have been implementing a scheme during the Seventh Five Year Plan under which the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been compensated on account of exemption to girls from tuition fee in classes IX to XII.